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July 5, 1996

Mr. Charles Tordella
PA Department of Environmental Protection
Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335-8311

Re: Westinghouse Sharon Site/
Fish and Wildlife Service Review of Revised CSM

Dear Mr. Tordella:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the June 27, 1996 pre-assessment deliverables for the Westinghouse-Sharon Site prepared by ChemRisk. The portion of the deliverables on Ecological Risk Characterization/Assessment is a revision of the material BTAG discussed in the June 11, 1996 telephone conversation with PADEP, EPA, Westinghouse, Cummings/Riter and ChemRisk representatives.

The June 27, 1996 revised ecological assessment outline generally reflects the direction given by BTAG during the June 11 telephone discussion. However, it is noted that the last page of the outline, under the topic, "Ecological Assessment Should Focus on Exposures to Sediment and Surface Water," does not include a family of receptors suggested by BTAG. In addition to the category, "Insectivores," that was added per BTAG's request, BTAG had also recommended mammalian omnivores (e.g., raccoon, skunk, or opossum) that would feed on benthic invertebrates or fish (living or dead) from the Shenango River. The ecological effects screening assessment, also proposed on the last page of the assessment outline, should consider these mammalian receptors in order to provide a complete exposure assessment of all potential families of ecological receptors expected to use the Shenango River corridor.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Victor J. Janosik".

Victor J. Janosik
Remedial Project Manager (3HW22)

cc: Anita Stainbrook, PADEP